

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 14 as follows:

In the ~~meanwhile~~ meanwhile, a study has been done on changing the optimum reaction pH of a glucosidase. The study shows that the optimum pH of a glucosidase is shifted from alkali to neutral by constructing a chimeric protein from an alkaline cellulase (NK1) derived from alkaliphilic *Bacillus* and neutral cellulase (BSC) derived from *Bacillus subtilis* (Park *et al.*, *Protein Eng.*, 6, 921-926, 1993).